U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK CVFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FQPM PTO-1390 (Modified) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 Crains) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PCT/EP2003/006903 27 June 2003 28 June 2002 TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR PROVIDING A HEAT TREATED FILLED AND CLOSED METAL CAN APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Paulus Jozef TAMIS Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), 3. (6), (9) and (24) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). 4. 5. \boxtimes A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). \boxtimes has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). b. □ 7 X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. 🗆 b. \Box have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. \bowtie have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. \boxtimes An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT 10. Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). 11. \boxtimes A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). \boxtimes 12. A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. \boxtimes 13. \boxtimes An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 14. \boxtimes 15. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 16. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 17. A substitute specification. \boxtimes A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 18.

A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.

A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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DT19 Rec'd PCT/PTO 2 ILS. APPLICATION NO GENC INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/006903 APV31842 The following fees are submitted: CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY b) Examination fee \$200.00 **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =** Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. Total · Sheets Extra sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) - 100 = /50 = x \$250.00 \$1,000.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). \$0.00 **CLAIMS** NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA **RATE** \$50.00 \$0.00 0 х Total claims -20 =0 \$200.00 \$0.00 Independent claims - 3 = \square \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable). TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS \$1,000.00 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. \$0.00 SUBTOTAL \$1,000.00 □ 30 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than □ 20 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). \$0.00 TOTAL NATIONAL FEE \$1,000.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable). X \$40.00 \$1,040.00 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED Amount to be: refunded charged \$1,040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. \boxtimes A check in the amount of a. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of to cover the above fees. b. \boxtimes The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment c. to Deposit Account No. 19-4375 Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card d. information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Anthony P. Venturino STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, LLP 1615 L Street N.W., Suite 850 Anthony P. Venturino Washington, D.C. 20036 NAME Tel: 202-785-0200 Fax: 202-785-0200

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